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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Shigetaka Yoshikawa, *et al.*
Application No: 10/811,984
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Group Art Unit: 1723
Examiner: (To Be Assigned)
For: MOUNTING STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR
HEAT ACCUMULATION TANK

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and the enclosed PTO Form No. 1449, shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is prior art, or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). The paragraphs marked below are applicable. It is believed that no fees other than those indicated below are due, but authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees due, or to credit any overpayment, to deposit account 11-0600.

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2. The references were cited in a corresponding foreign application. An English language translation of the Examiner's Comments regarding the Japanese Office Action issued on August 8, 2006 is attached for the Examiner's information.

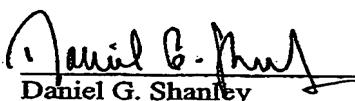
3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

4. English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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